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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, applicant submits the following information which may be material to the examination of this application.

Attached to this paper is a PTO Form 1449 listing documents to be considered by the Examiner. Copies of the documents cited on the PTO Form 1449 are also enclosed. WO98/22610 is cited in view of figures 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, which appear to be substantially similar to figures 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 of Midoux, P et al. (*Bioconjugate Chem.*, 10:406 (1999)).

Also enclosed is an International Search Report concerning the corresponding international application.

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It is respectfully requested that the documents cited on the attached Form 1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. It is also respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the attached PTO Form 1449 be returned to applicant.

This statement and the references are submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) and § 1.97(b). In view of the above, applicant believes that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) have been met and that no additional fees are required for the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount which may be required by this paper to the Account of the undersigned attorney, Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Respectfully submitted,

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